



## Nixon Resigns As Head Of SGA

By ALEX VAN BEEK

Senior Ashley Nixon resigned as Student Government Association (SGA) president on Monday, Nov. 28, citing a job offer from State Senator-elect Bryce Reeves as the main reason behind her decision.

Nixon, who held the office both last year and this year, said, "I respect SGA too much to be the poor president that I would be," referring to what would happen if she attempted to do both jobs at the same time.

SGA Vice President and President of the Student Senate Rob Belcourt, a junior, announced at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday that he, as vice president of the SGA, will constitutionally be taking over the role of president.

Monique dela Cruz, who served at the student senate vice president before Nixon's resignation, will take over Belcourt's former position on an interim basis until an official election can be held early next semester.

Cruz, in regard to Nixon leaving, said "as her friends, we are really happy for her."

Cruz added that she knows that it was a difficult decision for Nixon to resign.

Junior Sean Simons, a member of Student Senate, said that Nixon "will be missed."



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Occupy Mary Wash students held a rally at Hurkamp Park on Saturday, Nov. 19, as a part of their weekend BOV occupation.

## Students Occupy BOV Meeting

By JONATHON POLSON

Occupy Mary Wash made their presence and grievances known to UMW's Board of Visitors two weekends ago, protesting the lack of direct student representation on the board.

Senior Allie Atkeson, a member of Occupy Mary Wash, said that the main point of these protests were "to let the Board of Visitors know we're upset that we don't have a full speaking voice."

The protests began on Thursday afternoon with Occupy Mary Wash holding a meeting with Dan Steen, the rector on the

BOV.

Atkeson said that Steen was open to hearing the students' concerns.

On Friday afternoon the group gathered outside the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, while the BOV met inside.

They chanted "Whose school? Our school. What do you see? BOV. What does it need? You and me."

The group read a letter addressed to the BOV.

They used the "human microphone-technique," made popular in the national occupy movement. This technique is when one person would recite a line

and the rest of the group would repeat it loudly.

The letter to the BOV demanded change and said, "[they] will no longer accept the dictates of an oppressive governing body, nor will we be satisfied with token representation."

The letter also stated, "We demand transparency. We demand an end to top-down, hierarchical decision-making. We demand voting membership for students, faculty, and staff. We demand that education take priority over commoditized, quantified measures of intelligence."

Atkeson said that Occupy Mary Wash is holding these oc-

cupations at the BOV's meetings "in hopes that they may engage in a discussion" with the students.

According to UMW's website, the BOV is made up of "12 members appointed by the Governor of Virginia."

Some of the BOV's main responsibilities include appointing the President and fixing faculty salaries and tuition fees.

According to the Code of Virginia, at least six members of the BOV must be alumni and no more than three can be residents of another state.

At this time students can sit

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## Student Houses Deemed 'Nuisances'

By BRIDGET BALCH

Fredericksburg Mayor Tom Tomzak vowed last week to crack down on rowdy off-campus college parties after homeowners complained to the City Council about late-night noise, litter and drunkenness.

Four Fredericksburg residents expressed their concerns that the disruptions caused by college parties are increasingly impacting their neighborhoods. They complained of students' cars taking up every parking space on the street, broken beer bottles littering the neighborhood, drunken students in the streets at night, yelling, using profanity, trashing the street and trespassing.

"What used to be a well-established neighborhood now feels like fraternity row," said Michelle Phillips, a resident of Brent Street.

According to Natatia Bledsoe, city police spokesperson, complaints about public disturbances in general make up about 10 percent of all police calls for service. In total, police calls specifically related to college parties in 2011 made up .38 percent of all calls.

Since Aug. 15, the Fredericksburg police have responded to 55 complaints of disturbances described as college parties.

"I would not normally be the person to complain about a party," said Graeme Frelick, who has lived on Augustine Av-

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## Survey Finds Students Are Not Getting Enough Sleep

By BULLET STAFF

According to a new Bullet survey, most University of Mary Washington students are getting inadequate sleep.

This information comes at a time when research is mounting on sleep deprivation's harm to health and grades.

In the online survey, 100 UMW students responded and 59 percent said they routinely sleep four to six hours a night, falling well short of the suggested eight hours. Among those surveyed, 72 percent of students experience "disturbed sleep," or waking up an average of two times a night.

One statistic found that 62 percent of students said that they sometimes drive "drowsy."

UMW does offer a series of informational pamphlets on the importance of sleep. These pamphlets contain tips on how to create a healthy sleep environment and some information on how to make sleep an easier process. The pamphlets suggest shutting off laptops, televisions and cell phones at least an hour before going to sleep, and keeping a regular sleep schedule.

The results of the Bullet survey mirror other studies. An ar-

ticle published online by the Journal of Adolescent Health in 2009 stated that 60 percent of college students dealt with sleep deprivation, brought on mostly from personal and academic stress.

That study surveyed 1,125 college students and stated that 20 percent of students said they pulled an "all-nighter" at least once a month. One-third of the students said they stayed up until at least 3 a.m.

Another study, conducted by Prof. Pamela Thacher at St. Lawrence University, surveyed 111 students and found that two-thirds of participants claimed they pull an all-nighter once a semester.

According to Thacher's study, those two-thirds of students have lower GPAs. Her study states that the short-term side effects of sleep deprivation can include delayed reactions and more mistakes.

A report put out by the Institute of Medicine states that long-term health risks of sleep deprivation include higher risks of diabetes, obesity, depression, heart attacks and strokes.

Here at UMW, students are suffering from sleep deprivation for a multitude of reasons.

"Yes I am sleep deprived," said Megan Shea, a freshman art and psychology major at UMW. "It's mostly because of the amount of homework I have, combined with an active social life, that I feel as though I never sleep anymore."

"It's either get sleep and do well in school, but have no social life, have a social life but do poorly in school, or try and manage a social life and schoolwork while becoming sleep deprived," said Shea.

Shea's sleep deprivation is not only affecting her academics, but is causing her medical problems as well. Already suffering from a weakened immune system after having a severe case of mononucleosis, an illness associated with fatigue, Shea believes that her lack of sleep in college has caused her to be perpetually ill.

"So far I have gotten sick three times and am currently starting to get sick again," Shea said. "Sleep deprivation has had a very negative impact on my life."

Chelsea Mills, a freshman biology major at UMW, said she definitely feels sleep-deprived.

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Chief of Staff Martin Wilder, who serves as the clerk of the BOV; Dan Steen, rector of the BOV; and President Hurley listen to a presentation during the Saturday portion of the meeting.

## BOV Discusses Honors Program

By ALEX VAN BEEK

The University of Mary Washington's Board of Visitors met on Nov. 17 to discuss present and future plans for the university. One of the items on the agenda for Friday morning was the forthcoming honors program.

The presentation, led by Richard Finkelstein, dean of the college of arts and sciences, and Kelli Slunt, professor of chemistry, proposed ideas and topics that would contribute to the cre-

ation of a new honors program at UMW.

"Having an honors program has been long discussed at Mary Washington," said Finkelstein. He also said that official work on the program began a little over a year ago.

Finkelstein views the honors program as a "cauldron of new ideas" that would help to develop teaching across the school's curriculum, regardless of whether or not students are enrolled in the program.

Central to the idea behind the

program is what would be included with the first-year experience. The focus would be on both co-curricular and pre-matriculation activities in order to help tie a UMW education with careers outside of college.

Additionally, there would be an emphasis on internships and increased undergraduate research.

Many of the co-curricular activities would also be open to students outside of the honors program.

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**Nov. 17**  
UMW police responded to a report of vandalism to a vehicle in the Lee Hall parking lot between 10:27 p.m. and 10:51 p.m., in which someone had keyed the victim's car. The case is pending.

**Nov. 18**  
Fredericksburg police responded to a report of grand larceny from a vehicle on the 800 block of College Avenue between 6 a.m. Nov. 17 and 6 a.m. Nov. 18. The case is pending.

**Nov. 19**  
UMW police responded to a report of a hit and run accident in lot #28 on Thornton Street. A university employee went to work and upon returning to his car, saw that someone had hit the right passenger side.

**Nov. 21**  
UMW police responded to a

report of vandalism at 10:17 p.m. at Westmoreland Hall, in which facilities employees found a broken window. The case is pending.

**Nov. 21**  
UMW police responded to a report between 1:50 p.m. on Nov. 16, and 2:31 p.m. on Nov. 21 of grand larceny of construction equipment at the Battlegrounds Athletic Complex behind the tennis center. The case is pending.

**Nov. 21**  
UMW police responded to a report at 8:43 p.m. possession of marijuana at Jefferson Hall. The perpetrator was a juvenile

This information was compiled with help from UMW Police Office Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.



## BEAT

By EMILY MONTGOMERY

and was given an administrative referral.

**Nov. 22**  
Campus police responded to a report at 12:15 a.m. of obstruction of justice/ public intoxication of a student at the

corner of College Avenue and Dandridge Street, resulting in arrest.

**Nov. 27**  
Fredericksburg police responded to a report by three UMW students who live on

the 1300 block of Dandridge Street that an unknown person entered their house between 3 p.m. Nov. 23 and Nov. 27. The students said the perpetrator stole televisions and game systems from different rooms of the house. There was no evidence of forced entry, but there was a window that had been left unsecured. According to the police, the perpetrator was most likely someone familiar with the habits and possessions of the residents. The investigation is ongoing.

**Nov. 28**  
Fredericksburg police responded to a 4:00 p.m. report on the 1400 block Kenmore Av-

enue from a UMW student who claimed that she saw a naked man jogging on a path near Cossey Pond. She said she saw him again shortly after on the canal path, but then was wearing blue shorts. He jogged past her, and then she lost sight of him. She described the student as a white male, approximately six feet tall and 200 pounds, clean shaven and in his 50's, with a muscular build. The female said the subject did not assault her or make any inappropriate statements or gestures toward her. The investigation is ongoing.

**Nov. 29**  
Fredericksburg police responded to a report between 6 a.m. on Nov. 14 and 6 a.m. on Nov. 15 of larceny from a residence at the 1700 block on Sunken Road. The case is pending.



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Members of Occupy Mary Wash hold a general assembly at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center during the BOV meeting.

## Students Angered By Lack of BOV Representation

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in on the BOV meetings but are not allowed to speak up or vote.

"The Occupy students are commended for their commitment to a non-disruptive, yet direct, display of their issues and concerns," said Steen.

Steen also stated that the UMW BOV has always had non-voting student representation in the form of the SGA President.

"I believe SGA President Ashley Nixon is an effective student representative to the Board. She is an active participant in our meetings," he said.

"The issue of voting representation by students on the BOV is a state prerogative and any change would have to be addressed at that level, likely through state legislation," said Steen.

On Saturday morning Occupy Mary Wash marched through Fredericksburg with members of Occupy Richmond up to the Stafford Bridge.

The six members of Occupy Richmond were on a six-day march from Richmond to Washington D.C. in solidarity with the march of Occupy Wall Street members to D.C.

One of the Occupy Richmond members, Zach Lewis said that he did the march because he felt it was something positive he could do for the movement.

"I believe it's spreading awareness for Occupy," he said.

He also spoke highly of the time his group spent at UMW.

"It's been great to see another occupation," he said. "Everyone's been wonderful; no matter where you go, it's the same great sense of community."

Professor Nissim-Sabat, a psychology professor here at UMW, attended the rally at the Ridderhoff-Martin Gallery Thursday night, as well as the one downtown on Saturday.

He said he chose to attend because he "supports what Occupy Wall Street and the other occupy movements stand for."

Prof. Nissim-Sabat said that the issue of trying to have a voting faculty member on the BOV has been a "difficult struggle" over the years.

He said that he agrees with Occupy Mary Wash's attempt to raise support for social consciousness.

He also said he found the rallies to be successful in "keeping



Photos by Emily Montgomery/Bulletin

Above, junior Inga Maleombho is one of a handful of Occupy Mary Wash members to attend part of a BOV session. Below, Zach Lewis, one of the Occupy Richmond members marching to D.C., speaks at the Saturday rally at Harkamp Park.

the issue alive."

The weekend concluded Saturday afternoon with a final occupation outside the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

For a student's first-person account of his experience at Occupy Wall Street, see page 4 of Viewpoints.

## Funds Allocated For Faculty Raises

By FRANCES WOMBLE

This year marks the first out of four years that Mary Washington faculty will receive a raise; however, not everyone is pleased with the result. With no funding available from the state, only \$81,000 was made available for faculty salary adjustments.

Provost Jay Harper said in an email sent to the faculty that the administration asked him to adjust faculty salaries in all three undergraduate colleges at the Fredericksburg campus.

"I had two problems," Harper said. "First, there was nothing to base current salaries on, and there was no money."

To solve the first problem, Harper said UMW hired a consultant. A market analysis was done to determine how UMW faculty salaries measure up to other institutions. According to Harper, the consultant determined that faculty within the College of Business are paid less than peers at other schools. The consultant also determined, Harper said, that compression and inversion was most acute in the College of Arts and Sciences. This means that some newer faculty members were receiving more than their peers who have worked here longer.

Richard Finkelstein, dean of arts and sciences, addressed this compression and inversion in an email sent out to all full-time teaching staff in the college on Nov. 2.

"We have severe compression, and some inversion problems, primarily associated with faculty members in their first 10-12 years at the university," he said.

Harper said that although there was no money allotted for salary adjustments from the state, President Rick Hurley wanted to address adjustment need. Harper spoke with the three deans of the university and asked each of them to develop a strategy for salary adjustments within their college.

"The salary issues in each college are different, and the Deans are in the best position to determine how to proceed given the unique disparities within each college," Harper said in an email sent to all teaching faculty. "Providing a sum for each Dean to work with also ensured that some faculty in each college would benefit from these adjustments."

"I initially requested nearly \$90,000 for our division," Finkelstein said. "That amount represents the cost of setting up a system in which people would gain a modest \$500 for each year of service, assuming merit. It would also maintain the increment that comes with tenure and promotion to associate professor."

However, the University was not able to meet this request. "We did not have enough money to address all needs," Harper said.

According to Harper, about \$39,000 was made available for the College of Arts and Sciences. He also said the College

of Business received slightly less, and the College of Education received about one-third of what the other two colleges received.

"It must be noted that, while the consultant's study argued that salaries within our area were approximately at national norms, President Hurley responded to concerns that I and others voiced about the importance of assigning money to alleviate compression problems in Arts and Sciences," Finkelstein said in his email to faculty.

Lynn Richardson, dean of business, feels the administration tried to please faculty given the monetary restraints.

"I do think the adjustments are fair," she said. "With limited dollars to distribute, everyone involved made the best decisions they could. I certainly hope the College of Business faculty who received adjustments are pleased with their increase. Each of my colleagues in the College of Business works very hard and I wish there had been enough money for each person to get an adjustment."

Mary Gendernalik-Cooper, dean of education, said she was not anticipating salary adjustments this year because no money was given from the state.

"I had not anticipated salary adjustments," she said. "We are all fortunate that the president identified a very limited fund that has allowed us to begin to address faculty compensation issues. The university undertook a very complex and thorough study of salaries, and with extensive input within the UMW community, clarified what was fair and possible within very tight financial constraints."

Although frustrated with remaining salary concerns, Finkelstein agrees with the other two deans.

"I believe that the adjustments were as fair as they could be within the financial constraints with which we were working," he said. "The faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences work very, very hard. We are grateful for any financial rewards received, but the raises only provide a small part of what is necessary to recognize and support the work that they do."

Harper said he is aware how difficult it is to make ends meet, especially given the proximity to Northern Virginia and the cost of living. He said the adjustments were an attempt to address need, but he knows it is not an ideal solution.

"We want faculty to know they are valued," Harper stressed. "We want to address need." He hopes the governor will address need and allot money for faculty adjustments in the future.

"I am happy that President Hurley put aside money to make salary adjustments. The actual adjustments that were made in CAS (or any of the other colleges) are private information so I don't know any specifics and therefore can't comment on that," said Dave Kolar, associate professor of psychology.

## Dean Presents on Honors Program

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There would be no more than 50 students admitted to the honors program per year. That number includes both incoming freshmen who were admitted and current UMW students who choose to transfer into the program.

The requirements for freshmen would be at least 3.9 cumulative GPA, and a 1300 on the SATs. Students who matriculate into the program would have to have a 3.2 GPA from UMW.

"We are really going for some of the best students one can attract in Virginia," Finkel-

stein said.

The presentation continued by discussing some of the proposed seminars and honors courses that faculty have pitched for the program. Finkelstein made the point that there is a "robust number of courses that have already come in for a very small number of students."

Finkelstein later clarified that those students not in the honors program could also sign up for honors courses if they choose to.

One perk for students in the program would include a minimum \$1,000 that would be put towards undergraduate research. The hope is that this would help

to bring more resources into undergraduate research.

Some of the other perks would be preferential registration for courses, scholarships and more alumni engagement opportunities.

Overall, Finkelstein said that the program is unique due to its "general emphasis on leadership, and its definition of leadership as something more than intellectual success."

The honors program is set to begin next year, with the first year of the program only including freshmen.

Additionally, on Saturday morning, junior Ryley Trahan

made an appeal to the BOV on tuition increases.

Trahan claims that when students enroll at UMW, "admissions should tell them how much their four years is going to cost, total," as "increasing tuition on students already enrolled in the University is forcing students to make a decision between financial security and being educated."

Eventually, Trahan hopes that there will be a "legislative follow up from the BOV" as he is looking out for "the economic future of my classmates."



# Viewpoints

## True Price of Shopper's Safety

Black-Friday brings out the worst in consumers.

The *New York Times* just published that total spending for this year's Black-Friday, including online sales, reached an estimated \$52.4 billion Thursday through Sunday, according to the National Retail Federation.

While these figures are good for companies, what happens on the ground during the shopping holiday is pretty disgusting.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported that at a Walmart in Porter Ranch, Calif., a woman pepper-sprayed 20 shoppers during a Black-Friday sale. Apparently, the store was offering games at \$30 instead of \$60.

So our question is, what's your price? How much in sav-

ings would it take for you to go crazy and start pepper-spraying

posed to be an expression of love, not greed.

suppress in person.

It was reported by the *Washington Post* that crowds looted a clothing store in New York's Soho. At a Walmart near Phoenix, a police officer beat a man bloody on suspicion of shoplifting. There were shootings outside a store in San Leandro, Calif., and inside a mall in Fayetteville, N.C. Someone was stabbed outside a store in Sacramento, N.Y.

Black-Friday is so named because it is the day that most retailers move into the black and begin to make profit. But it might as well just be because there are so many crowds that you can't see in front of you.

According to psychologists, the mix of desperate retailers and cutthroat marketing has hyped the traditional post-Thanksgiving sales to increasingly madness. Since stores open earlier, shoppers often are sleep deprived and have short tempers.

Theresa Williams, a marketing professor at Indiana University, was quoted in the *Washington Post* saying that the recent online-coupon phenomenon fed the psychological hunger for finding bargains. This, Williams stated, is a recipe for trouble.

Profit is not an excuse for inciting mobs. A bargain is not an excuse for pepper-spraying other patrons.

Black-Friday shows consumerism in America at its very worst.

Next year we're sticking to Cyber Monday.

## Staff Editorial

people around you? Clearly, this woman's price was \$30. But what about \$20? Would \$20 in savings have been enough incentive to physically harm people around her?

As a society, we need to take a step back for a moment and think about how ridiculous holiday shopping has become, how petty we've become. Saving a few bucks on your holiday shopping is never worth getting violent over.

Holiday shopping is sup-

Sure, little Joshua really wants to see that hot new "Star Wars" toy under the tree on Christmas, but how far are you willing to go to see his precious smile? Would you check a dozen stores to see which one has it for the best deal? Would you sleep outside in the cold in front of the store? Would you fight someone eyeing the same deal?

Let's also consider, for a moment, the Internet. You know, that crazy digital world where you can check a hundred different stores for the best deal on that hot new "Star Wars" toy in the blink of an eye and have it shipped to you without ever needing to get off the couch? Yeah, we should use that more. Then maybe we can avoid some of the ridiculous violence tendencies that people just can't seem to



Black-Friday shoppers are a paradigm of the consumer culture we live in. Courtesy of cnn.com

## Problems of a College Town

By MEGHAN GRAHAM

The University Mary Washington was founded in 1908, so it is not exactly a new institution. So, residents of Fredericksburg beware: if you don't want to be bothered by college neighbors that might get a little rowdy, do not live in College Heights.

The Fredericksburg City Council met on Nov. 22 to discuss a recent complaint of nuisance in the area, specifically in reference to residences of UMW students. Grievances included noise, trash and the biggest offenders: weeds. The Free Lance-Star reported that of the nine non-apartment residences pinpointed as nuisance residences, only four were college houses. However, the public continues to characterize UMW students as party animals scheming to blast their music, drink copious amounts of beer and let their weeds overgrow.

But let's face the facts here: UMW is not a party school. There is no greek life and we don't spend our weekends torching couches. Yes, we might hold a few house parties, but what else are we supposed to do on Friday and Saturday nights? Instead of focusing on the problems they have with UMW and its students, Fredericksburg should be thankful for how the university benefits their beloved community.

UMW offers jobs, business for local establishments, as well as great opportunities for residents to be a part of the culture on-campus.

It takes a lot of people to run

a successful university, and Fredericksburg has provided employees for UMW to do so. In return, UMW provides them with a paycheck, something a lot of people don't have these days because of our shriveling economy. And with the University constantly growing, the need for jobs also does. The UMW foundation will even be opening a

*"Residents of Fredericksburg beware: if you don't want to be bothered by college neighbors...do not live in College Heights."*

hotel in 2013 in Eagle Village. This new business is sure to require a hefty staff that unemployed Fredericksburg residents will be ecstatic to fill.

Also, according to the school website, UMW has about 4,000 students. These students need food, clothes, coffee and beer to survive, and the businesses of Fredericksburg are more than willing to provide these items. They also provide them to the thousands of prospective students that come to visit every year with their parents, the alumni that return for homecoming every fall, and the cousins, aunts, uncles, neighbors, brothers and sisters that attend graduation every spring.

The tourists that just want to stop by Fredericksburg to see what is considered one of the most beautiful campuses in the country have to eat, too. These Fredericksburg business owners can take our money, but they turn around and complain about the very same people? Something just doesn't seem right.

It's not like we don't include them in our little community. Fredericksburg residents are always invited to on-campus events, from orchestra concerts, to school productions like "Rent," and the Multi-Cultural Fair. Even when there isn't an event happening, it isn't unusual to see a local taking a stroll through our picturesque campus with their dog.

So before you pick up that phone to make a noise complaint about your neighbor that might be playing his music a little too loud, think about your favorite downtown restaurant. Would it still be afloat if it weren't for the college students? And remember the last time you walked down Campus Walk? Without those same students paying tuition, renovations, and upkeep would not be possible.

It was probably just a few years ago that you were in college yourselves and I'm sure you weren't a perfect neighbor. Just keep in mind: on the week after finals we might get a little loud, so cut us some slack. Try knocking on the door and asking us to turn down the music instead of involving the police. Hey, you never know, you might be rewarded with a delicious Natty Light.



Courtesy of flickr.com

Many view marriage inequality as a fundamental violation of human rights.

## Marriage Equality in Sight

By SACHA BRENAC

Those opposed to gay marriage claim it is morally wrong, that if allowed it would destroy the tradition and sanctity of marriage.

Marriage is a spiritual and ceremonial union between two souls, two hearts and two people who love each other. Since its inception, the institution of marriage has been regulated, utilized and dominated by religion. The gay rights movement challenged this, saying that marriage is not a religious practice, but a spiritual union. This seems to make more sense, since you don't have to belong to a religious group to get married. Despite this, organized religion has held a monopoly on marriage, and that is now being challenged.

With the Enlightenment Age,

the Industrial Revolution and the dawn of the digital world, humans have used science and reason to answer many of the questions religion had shoved under the rug of "God did it." Slowly, but surely, science and reason are beginning to replace religion as the most important part of society. Hopefully as gay relationships become more studied and observed scientific fact will give way to tolerance from all peoples, religious and otherwise.

Religion does a number of wonderful things for society and for individuals, but it should not be involved in the politics of discrimination and hate. No one who is pushing for gay marriage rights is challenging the religious nature of a heterosexual union, they are just asking to be

able to bind themselves to someone they love in a way that is culturally significant.

Reason is slowly overcoming superstition in society. Giving equal marriage rights to all humans will be a testament to this because marriage, which was formerly tied to religion, will now develop a more secular connotation.

Society, since its dawn nearly 5,000 years ago, has been evolving to reach its goal of a more perfect world: the end of history. However, there have been drawbacks. Natural bumpy, such as the Black Plague, and manmade bumpy, like religious radicals, greed, traditionalists and extremists, all halt, or even reverse, this evolution. Marriage discrimination is just an impediment to this evolution.

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# Viewpoints



The future of the Occupy movement is unclear as police tear down encampments.

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## Inside the Occupy Movement

By ZAKARIA KRONEMER

I was awoken last Tuesday morning by an early morning call.

"Hey, it's Noah," came through the phone. I had met Noah about a week before in New York City at the Occupy Wall Street protests. I remember him as a person with many problems but also as someone holding onto optimism. This morning, his voice was distraught.

Noah began to describe his previous four hours. Around 1 a.m., a man speaking through a megaphone woke him. Hundreds of police officers, all armed with canisters of pepper spray around their waists, batons firmly gripped in their hands and thick plastic masks over their face began to push their way through the narrow passageways of Zucotti Park, located in the downtown area of New York City. A police officer holding a megaphone, who proclaimed himself as lieutenant, repeated over and over that the park was to be completely cleared out within the hour; anyone who resisted would be arrested immediately.

As I listened to Noah's story, I thought back to just a week earlier when I was there. Inspired by the stories I had been hearing about the Occupy Wall Street protests, I decided to take a four-day trip to New York so I could be a part of the monumental movement. Once I arrived and experienced the Occupy movement first hand, I began to have my own doubts.

"What am I doing here?" I thought to myself as I aimlessly made my way through the crowded, tight pathways looking for a place to sleep for the night.

A man with a Red Sox cap and a frayed button-up shirt approached me—it was Noah. His face was worn and he had white

stubble sprouting from his upper lip and cheeks.

"You want a tour, kid?" he said.

As he guided me through the park he pointed out the kitchen, the library, the medical center and other amenities. Then he began to tell me about his experiences through out recent years. He lost his wife to cancer and his house to banks, it seemed his life was moving in a lamentable direction.

He told me of his audacious dreams as a college student and of his utter disappointment in the

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years since. He was laid off in August from a company after 30 years of employment.

"It's just not right," he simply stated. "I want to help make this country right again."

Eventually, he led me to a concrete staircase towards the back of the camp where I laid down under my blanket and rested my head on my backpack.

"I know it might not be so comfortable, but there's not much wind on this side of the camp. You'll be warm."

He sat down on a tattered piece of Styrofoam next to me. As he continued his story, my eyes moved around the camp to observe my surroundings. There was a cluster of men holding signs made out of scrap pieces of cardboard high above their heads. "End Corporate Greed Now" one said. "We the People Need Jobs" proclaimed another.

Many criticize the Occupy Wall Street protestors as being misinformed and of having ineffective tactics and fuzzy goals.

However, these antagonists are only assessing the movement strictly on a practical standard. They don't see the true power of the Occupy movement.

After only an hour or so amongst the protesters, I saw the efficacy and true triumph of the movement: it's ability to create dialogue.

Just as food is the avenue for nourishment, dialogue is the avenue for progress. It has the ability to alter the opinions of millions, and can provoke social change in ways unforeseen by any form of violence or physical confrontation.

The Occupy movement has provoked an international dialogue in a remarkably short stretch of time. These dialogues are not confined to the mere hundreds involved in the movement in New York, nor are they subjected to the thousands involved in "Occupations" across the country. They have spread to classrooms, offices, dinner tables and nearly all settings of American life. This is the glory and ultimate accomplishment of Occupy. This is why it is already a tremendous success.

During my days on Wall Street, I was a part of so many of these avenues of progress with my fellow protestors, with curious bystanders, with journalists and even with police officers.

As I sat on the edge of my bed that early Tuesday morning, listening to Noah describe the eviction of Zucotti Park, I felt a weight settle in my stomach. I wondered if this was the beginning of the end of this important national conversation. I wasn't able to bring myself to say anything as he pressed on. He fell silent for a while. I searched for something to say but it was Noah who finally broke the silence. His voice came again, "It's not right," he said. "It's just not right."

## Letter to the Editor: Gratitude for Nixon's Work Toward a Better University

A lot has happened over the past week, and while I am sure the *Bullet* will provide excellent coverage on the latest news, I wanted to take a moment to speak about something that is very important to me.

The Student Government Association's President Ashley Nixon resigned on Monday after serving the school for the majority of her career here. Instead of focusing on reasons for the resignation, I want to focus on the service that was provided to this school. I ran against Ashley Nixon for President when I was a sophomore here at the university, determined to change the way things were run.

I wanted more open government and a way for students to communicate more effectively with SGA and most of all, to be heard. Before running, I had only encountered Ashley from time to time at a few SGA events and in my political science classes. I had also seen her picture in the *Bullet* when she was first elected. Ashley Nixon has a sharp mind, but that was not all that intrigued me.

After the election was over and Ashley began her second term as president, we had sev-

eral chances to speak to one another. I thanked her for a nice competitive race and she encouraged me to get more involved at UMW. Her story is a good one. She was a student senator her first two years here and even served as the parliamentarian in the Student Senate before run-

*"The Student Government Association's President Ashley Nixon resigned on Monday..."*

ning for SGA President and winning. Her accomplishments, while modest in her eyes, included fighting for affordable tuition and working to make sure students voices were heard when it came to many pressing issues, notably Seacobeck Hall.

The conversations I have had with Ashley Nixon have been enlightening; her eagerness to help the school has shone through every aspect of her life. You would think that after a fierce campaign, tensions would be high. Instead it was the opposite. I went into an election

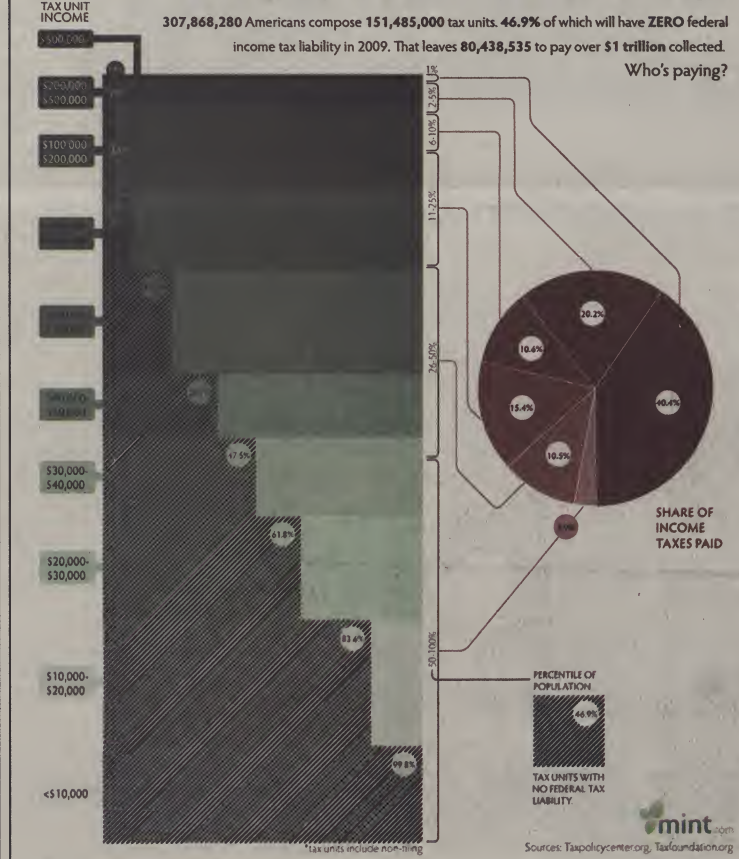
knowing nothing about her and have come a year later knowing much more about her caring spirit and dedication to UMW. We've spoken about school spirit. We've spoken about transparency. We've become friends.

Her decision to resign from the SGA is a big deal for this school. A leader is expected to lead and make the tough decisions. Deciding she could no longer serve as our honorable president was a big deal for Ashley, but an honorable decision nevertheless. I think we can all learn something from Ashley. It's never too late (or too early) to get involved. We are all members of the SGA from the moment we step on this campus and believe me; great leaders are walking among us everyday. Ashley Nixon is one of those great minds, and we cannot take that lightly.

I say all of this to make sure we do not take Ashley's service for granted. Thank you Ashley for representing us over the past year and a half, and good luck in all your future endeavors. Thanks for your time, your energy, but most of all, your service.

Jeremy Thompson is a junior.

## WHO IS PAYING TAXES?



According to this chart, the wealthiest one percent pay 40 percent of the nation's taxes.

## Read My Lips: No More Taxes

By MICHEAL LITTLEJOHN

Robin Hood is merely a fictional character in a fairy tale. What he takes from the rich he gives to the poor: you would think that this would only hold true in a fairy tale. Well, not exactly.

President Obama's recently proposed "Buffett Rule," named after billionaire Warren Buffett, would force the wealthiest Americans to pay more taxes. According to the Obama administration, it will help cut the nation's debt. The deficit is most certainly unsustainable, but raising taxes for the rich is not the solution. This is absolutely and utterly absurd.

Why should top earners have to pay more on taxes just because they make more money? In America, we live in a capitalist society where anyone can be rich. Everyone is afforded the same opportunity to make something out of nothing. Work ethic and motivation are not only nec-

essary to survive; it is the foundation of our society. The "rags to riches" story is not uncommon and is an essential component in our society.

*"Why should top earners have to pay more on taxes just because they make more money?"*

Those who have worked relentlessly and ardently to receive those seven-figure salaries should not be robbed from them. Being penalized for working harder has never been a part of American ideology. If I were to make a gross salary that put me in that one percent, I would not want anyone to take my money. This is especially frustrating because there are people who didn't work as hard as I did to get there.

On the other end of the spec-

trum, I would not be mad because someone is making more and getting taxed less. If anything that would motivate me to try harder and work more, so I can be on the same level.

That should be motivation, not a time to complain about what the next guy has.

This is not to deny that there are less wealthy people working hard, perhaps just as hard as those in the one percent. Differences in career path or education can drastically alter a person's success. We must deal with these shortcomings, for everyone has them.

Ultimately, there should be a line added on the 1040 IRS tax form that would allow those who want to donate more of their hard earned money to do so. However, forcing a tax on America's job creators is not just. If Buffett believes he should pay more, then by all means, let him pay more, but he does not speak on behalf of everyone in his income bracket.

## A Final Week of 'Studying'

Finals week is coming up, and, of course, the only sex we're thinking about is in chromosomes and meiosis study guides. After all, college is about learning. However, as difficult as many of you may find this, it's important not to let yourself be consumed by your passion for academic excellence.

In between late-night study sessions in the library and desperate, 1 a.m. coffee runs, make time for life's simpler pleasures. Maybe that means getting hot and heavy in one of the Simpson treehouses, or maybe it means capping off an all-nighter with an early-morning wake-up call. Caffeine and adrenaline are great ways to stay charged during finals week, but the energy from those eight cans of Amp has to be released somewhere.

If you don't have the time, or the clean laundry for a trip to the gym, sex is a great way to burn calories, stave off mind-numbing boredom and relieve tension. In addition, you can use it as an incentive to finish projects. Few things motivate like the promise of getting your rocks off. With

that in mind, here are some tips for putting the "we" in "finals week."

Don't go in with high expectations. Everyone is sleep-deprived, unwashed and peeing out espresso. Sometimes, this will make for unexpectedly great sex, the key word being "unexpectedly." None of those three things have a high success rate

*Sexclimations*  
By Claire Pickard

in bed. Just go with the flow and get what you can.

If you study in your room, go to your partner's for other activities. I believe the saying goes, "don't defecate where you eat." When you strongly associate a particular room with fun times, it will only make it harder to get work done there. If everyone tries this, hilarity will ensue. Although, in a pinch, there's always Annex A.

Eat food other than Pop-Tarts and Easy Mac. This is just a

matter of health. If you have sugar coming out of your pores and you don't have the energy to get across the room, that's not sexy. Put those veggies back on your plate!

Don't rely on the sad trope of "wanna study?" If you're actually interested in studying, that's fine. If you're not, you use that line and they do want to study for finals, you're going to have several deeply frustrating hours filled with notebooks, small talk and unresolved sexual tension. Besides, it's such a cliché that it can't even be used ironically anymore, and I know how much you dirty hipsters love irony.

Whether you're "studying for anatomy" or actually studying, the most important thing to remember over the next two weeks is that balance is key. If you don't take care of yourself, you can't expect people to come running when you need a break from cramming. Also, if anyone manages a successful hook-up in the library, share the knowledge! We could all stand to learn a few things this semester.



# Style

## Bhangra Dance Competition Comes to UMW



Marie Sicola/Bullet

Bhangra dance teams from schools all over Virginia came to the Great Hall to compete at Bhangra Beat last Saturday, Nov. 19.

By SHANITA MITCHELL

By the end of the 7th Annual Bhangra Beat competition held on Nov. 19, I was tired. Why? Because Bhangra is the kind of dance style that you can't watch without being exhausted yourself.

Everybody is smiling and bouncing in elaborate costumes under the hot lights of the Great Hall for at least seven minutes each performance. While every single team deserved a hand clap for their endurance, Virginia Tech was the ultimate winner.

From what I could see, the

victory was well deserved. The choreography for the team was intricate, energetic, and the movements were sharp and clean. You don't even have to have a dance background to know that this team was impressive.

This year's Bhangra Beat had

the most competition teams so far. The competition started out with only having three visiting teams, but this year there were five. The competing teams included Virginia Tech, William & Mary, James Madison University, University of Virginia, and Virginia Commonwealth Uni-

versity. VCU ranked in second place and JMU ranked 3rd. All three of the teams that placed were obvious choices to most onlookers, of which there were many.

The program was certainly well attended. All of the floor seats in the center and on both of

the sides, were full. Audience members ended up having to stand on the sides but that did not daunt them. They were very willing to stand to give their support. UMW's Eagle Bhangra team did not join the competition but they gave a great performance as well.

One not so satisfying element to the competition was the overall late start. The program was supposed to begin at 6:30 p.m. but actually did not begin until well after 7 p.m. because of late judges.

Even though the event was free, audience members were displeased and restless because of the long wait in the beginning, and waiting for the judges to come to a decision. The transitions during the program were problematic throughout.

There was a lot of awkward emcee humor in between each dance that almost wasn't worth sitting through. While the emcees were well dressed and looked great, it didn't seem that they were well-rehearsed and spontaneous enough to entertain and set the audience at ease.

Overall, the program is definitely one to look forward to every year if you want a good dose of great dancing and diversity. Despite the few snags, the audience enjoyed themselves. I enjoyed myself. The teams were great, the costumes were great and the energy was great. If you ever want to have a great time just sitting in your seat, go to Bhangra Beat.

## Drake's Latest: A Diverse Gem



courtesy of hip-hop-n-more.com

Rapper Drake's second album, "Take Care," easily manages to avoid the dreaded "sophomore slump."

By CAITLIN SHEEHAN

I usually don't have enough money to download an album from iTunes, but the Nov. 15 release of Drake's sophomore album "Take Care" seemed worthy enough to purchase. I'll admit I'm not very knowledgeable when it comes to Drake (I never watched "Deglassi," the Canadian soap opera that gave him his start), but after taking the time to listen, I found that "Take Care" was something I could see myself getting into.

The much anticipated album was originally scheduled for release on Oct. 24 but was later pushed back to include three samples he had been working on. Even after two songs were leaked on the Internet, the Canadian rapper remained confident that the album would speak for itself, tweeting "Listen, enjoy it, buy it if you like it...and take care until next time."

The album features artists such as The Weeknd, Rihanna, Nicki Minaj, Stevie Wonder, Lil

Wayne and others. Sounds range from hip-hop to R&B and electronica, making "Take Care" a step in a new direction for Drake. Lyrically, the album focuses more on his personal life, including an open letter to his mother and uncle in "Look What You've Done."

The title song "Take Care," featuring Rihanna, is climbing the Billboard Hot 100 list, currently at the number nine spot. Also on the rise is "Make Me Proud" featuring Nicki Minaj. Be sure to listen and expect to hear these two songs on repeat on your iTunes or on the radio.

Overall, I found the whole album to be an easy listen, expanding my music collection. Whether you download the entire album or a select number of songs, you won't be sorry as "Take Care" provides a wide enough range to please any listener, whether you're a new fan like me or always enjoyed Drake's music from the beginning.

## There's a Whole Lot to Love in 'The Muppets'

By NANCY BELLE

If you have ever wondered what Jason Segel would look like as a Muppet, how Cee Lo Green's hit song, "Forget You," would sound like performed by chickens, or really just like "Mahna Mahna" and want to see it on the big screen, then "The Muppets" may be the perfect movie for you.

Written by and starring Segel, most famously known for his work in more adult fare like "How I Met Your Mother," and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," "The Muppets" manages to accomplish something that few movies can do: it appeals to all age groups and stays PG, despite having a multitude of jokes and 80's references that will make adults laugh and reminisce.

The movie centers around Walter, a Muppet-like human and fan of The Muppets along with his brother Gary (Segel) and Gary's girlfriend, Mary (Amy Adams). When Gary invites Walter along to go with him and Mary to Los Angeles, Walter jumps on the chance; after all, Los Angeles is home to Muppet Studios.



courtesy of screenrant.com

Walter and his older brother Gary (Jason Segel) are huge fans of the Muppets.

Once in Los Angeles, the crew heads to The Muppet Theatre, home to "The Muppet Show," which ended its run in the 1980s and, unbeknownst to the Muppets, is about to be bought by evil oil tycoon, Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) who plans to tear it down and drill for oil under it.

When Walter

finds this out he decides to go find Kermit the Frog, who has been in hiding since "The Muppet Show" ended and try to round up the rest of the Muppets so they can save the Muppet Theatre.

Along the way they round up old friends, including a reluctant

Miss Piggy, who had her heart broken

ken by Kermit, and do some singing and dancing.

Like Muppet movies of the past, the movie is full of songs both classic to the Muppets franchise, like "Rainbow Connection" and new songs like "Life's a Happy Song," and a cover of "Forget You" by Camilla and the Chickens. It is also full of hilarious cameos, including Neil Patrick Harris, Ken Jeong from "The Hangover," Jim Parsons, Zach Galifianakis as a hobo, and Emily Blunt who strangely enough nearly reprises her role from "The Devil Wears Prada."

Although the movie itself is short, clocking in at a mere hour and 38 minutes, "The Muppets" is preceded in theaters by "Small Fry," a hilarious new short from Pixar, featuring characters from "Toy Story."

If you are looking for a film this holiday season that is not in 3-D and that your whole family can enjoy, go see "The Muppets," you will leave the theatre smiling, regardless of age.



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# Style

## New Rihanna Album is All 'Talk'

By CHRISTOPHER BLOUGH

It's the end of another year, and for those of you that are top-40 radio listeners, you know that means one thing: time for a new Rihanna album.

Her latest effort is "Talk That Talk," a dance-heavy follow-up to 2010's "Loud." Unlike the more brooding themes explored previous efforts, "Talk That Talk" has a brighter, more playful sound, borrowing its musical themes from Rihanna's 2004 debut "Music of the Sun," and her third album "Good Girl Gone Bad."

In fact, a lot of the songs on "Talk That Talk" come across as unabashed attempts at replicating the catchier elements of previous Rihanna hits in an attempt to generate sales and airplay for the singer's new album. The result is an album that is both disappointing and gratifying at once, something that can probably be said about most of Rihanna's music.

I would argue that "Talk That Talk" contains more hits than any of Rihanna's albums to date. Songs like "You Da One," "Where Have You Been," "Drunk on Love," and the album's title track are all fun club songs featuring catchy synth and bass-heavy hooks.

On the other hand, there are



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Rihanna is no stranger to utilizing sex appeal.

a few problems with the album's attempts at recreating the success of older Rihanna hits. Mainly, this problem arises when tracks end up being too similar to their already successful counterparts.

For example, the tempo and hook on the title track sound a little too much like the singer's 2007 hit Jay-Z collaboration "Umbrella." The musical similarity alone wouldn't normally be a problem except that the

song "Talk That Talk," like "Umbrella," also features Jay-Z.

Having two musically similar songs that both feature the same guest artists wouldn't be an issue either if the newer song were an improvement over the first hit. The problem is that the new song isn't any better. Imagine "Umbrella" without any of the "ella, ella, ella, ey-ey," and you've got "Talk That Talk."

Unfortunately, the disappointments don't stop at Ri-

hanna's characteristic lack of creativity. Although lyrical sophistication has never been a strong suit for Rihanna, the lyrics on the new album seem emptier, cheaper and even sparser than what can be typically expected.

The latter is the case on "We Found Love," a track that's essentially made by the singer repeating the title phrase over dance track for the full three-minutes of the song. Beyond that, the "cheapness" of the lyrics comes from the fact that they're even dirtier than usual. If the lyrics from her previous radio hit "S&M" were a little too dirty for you, you'll want to steer clear of tracks like "Red Lipstick," "Birthday Cake," and "Cockiness (Love It)," all of which are bound to be playing soon in the kind of clubs where dancing usually involves a pole.

Given that "Talk That Talk" is still a Rihanna album, neither a lack of originality or lyrical quality should come as a surprise to anyone who has followed Rihanna's music in the past. For anyone who is unfamiliar with her music, you can expect "Talk That Talk" to be a fun dance-pop album that will be totally forgotten the inevitable Rihanna release this time next year.

## DiCaprio Steps Into The Shoes of 'J. Edgar'



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Clint Eastwood's latest film is well worth watching.

By NANCY BELLE

J. Edgar is as much a historic tale about J. Edgar Hoover, the first director of the FBI and the FBI's origins as it is an unintentional love story and a reflection of society's feelings about homosexuality in the mid-to late-20th century.

The film is told through a series of flashbacks, as an old Hoover, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, is telling his life story to members of his staff. Though the flashbacks may be confusing at times, the prosthetic makeup used to age Hoover, his close friend and deputy director to the FBI, Clyde Tolson (Armie Hammer) and long time secretary, Helen Gandy (Naomi Watts), helps to make the timeline more succinct.

The movie tells not only the interesting history of the early years of the FBI, including the kidnapping of Charles Lindbergh's young son and the role it played in the creation of the bureau, but how Hoover allegedly used blackmail to stay in power. Hoover served as the head of the FBI for 37 years, a term length unheard of in politics today, from its creation in 1935 until his death in 1972.

The scenes are often dark both visually and at times emotionally, helping to show Hoover's true character. DiCaprio is not charming as Hoover, but is a man who is both hated and respected by many.

Hoover was long rumored to be a homosexual and a cross-dresser in a time when homosexual behavior was taboo in America. Screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, best known for his work on "Milk," addresses this in a tasteful and thought provoking manner.

The rumored relationship and sexual tension between Hoover and Tolson provide for some of the more interesting and emotional scenes in the movie.

Hammer, best known for portraying the Winklevoss Twins in "The Social Network," stands out and often steals the scene from DiCaprio. He is both charming and alluring as a young Tolson, and senile and shaky as an older Tolson.

Although Hoover may not have been the best person, his unique personality and fascinating story make "J. Edgar" a must-see movie, and a likely contender come awards season.

## Scorsese Enters the 3-D Movie Arena with 'Hugo'

The critically-acclaimed director's latest, family-friendly film is a visual spectacle

By ERIN KENDERISH

If the world is like a machine, with no extra parts, then we all have purpose. That's what the title character of Scorsese's newest film "Hugo" believes. Hugo believes his purpose is to fix things, namely the clocks at the Parisian train station in which he lives.

"Hugo" is a coming-of-age story about a boy, Hugo Cabret (Asa Butterfield). His father (Jude Law) brings home an abandoned and broken automaton, a humanoid machine that performs a set of encoded tasks.

The small family of clock repairers set about fixing it up in the hopes of finding out what it is programmed to do, until the tragic day when Hugo's father dies in a fire at the Musée

du Louvre, and the boy becomes an orphan. His drunken Uncle Claude (Ray Winstone) collects him to live in the train station and forces him to maintain the multitudes of clocks there, but disappears shortly thereafter.

Hugo spends his time in between these tasks observing the many quirky shopkeepers at the station, stealing both food and clock parts for the automaton, all while trying to avoid the attention of the Station Inspector (Sacha Baron Cohen, who naturally earned some of the biggest laughs) – a man quick to send any urchin he catches to the dismal orphanages.

But Hugo's peaceful routine is disrupted when he is caught by a shopkeeper, Georges Méliès (Ben Kingsley), who confiscates Hugo's father's

notebook containing a series of sketches about the automaton.

Joined by Georges' god-daughter, Isabelle (Chloë Grace Moretz), the duo strives to uncover the connection between Georges and the mysterious automaton.

While billed as a quirky family comedy, it might be a little hard to find a kid who could sit through this movie without fidgeting; it's a long and quiet movie, with the action scenes few and far between.

This by no means implies that it isn't good, however. "Hugo" never drags too badly in its pacing and is well-made and well-acted. The sets and costumes are gorgeous and every frame is a visual feast, transporting the audience to Paris in the 1920s with a stun-

ning use of Real-D 3-D – some of the best in this format yet.

It will leave some wondering why all the characters speak in English accents while the film is set in France, though.

It is easy to see that this film is Martin Scorsese's baby and that the production was near and dear to his heart. This movie is especially good for history buffs; there are little Easter Eggs throughout and those unfamiliar with film's start will get a quick lesson about the pioneering Lumière brothers and one of the first notable films ever made, "Arrival of a Train at a Station."

"Hugo" showcases some remarkable talent, new and old alike, and also tells a quirky tale that will charm almost anyone who watches.

## Making Stylish Choices For the Holidays



Jamia Jordan/Bullet

Philosophy major Abbie Buadiwa's holiday fashion.

By JAMIA JORDAN

Holidays are just around the corner and if you are anything like me you are already making preparations for your festivities. However, there always seems to be one underlying question: what to wear? From meeting a significant others' family to attending a church function, everyone wants to dress trendy and stylish, yet appropriate. 21-year-old, philosophy major Abbie Buadiwa knows just how to do this.

Dressed for the season, Buadiwa wore a red mini skirt paired with a black sequined tank top and black high heels. She accessorized the ensemble with a brown leather jacket and silky scarf paired with silver sparkling earrings.

In three words Buadiwa characterized her sense of style as being "trendy, sexy and classy."

She gave the typical college fashionista a few words of advice for the holidays, "Figure

out which part of your body works well for you and don't hide under too much make-up, just let people see your natural beauty."

Depending on the weather, throw on some skinny jeans, and

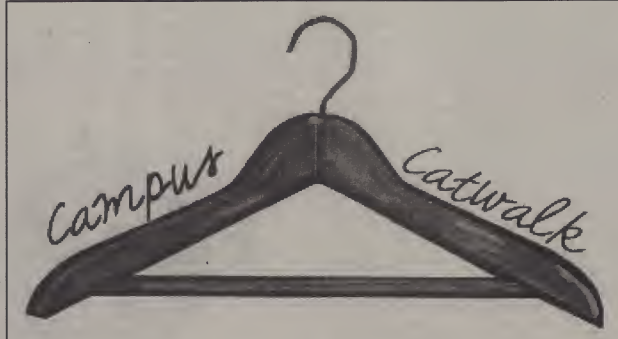
away from the dull colors but especially black! Christmas is a festive season – try something new. Dressing sexy doesn't mean showing too much. Figure out a way to be sexy in a classy way."

up your attire a bit to get in the festive holiday mood. However, be careful not to go too flashy. Try comfy flats and a colorful cardigan paired with a solid colored shirt underneath. You can always throw on some holiday-themed earrings and a pair of stylish skinny jeans to dress and outfit up or down.

Secondly, when meeting your significant other's folks for the first time, never wear something that you have not worn before. No one wants a wardrobe malfunction on the first meeting. If you like to dress fun and flirty try a strapless dress. Add a turtle-neck and solid colored blazer to add a sense of

quirkiness. You can find little items like these at Target, Forever 21, or even H&M.

Finally, have fun! This is a season of joy so dress in what makes you feel happy. I always say, "when you look good you feel good."



a top, and accessorize it up with some earrings and a pair of heels. Find something that works for you. You know what part of your body is sexy."

On what not to wear this holiday season Buadiwa said, "Don't wear black dresses! People are trying to be too safe. Stay

With that in mind, here are a few tips for pumping up your holiday wear for the typical broke college fashionista. First, stick to what's comfortable for you.

Look in your closet and pull out some things you already have. Don't be afraid to brighten



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# Pillow Talk: Sleep and College Students

How many hours a night do you sleep during the week?


4-6 

7-10 


10+ 

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

How often do you take a nap during the day?

Never 

Sometimes 

Often 

Always 

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

How many caffeinated drinks do you consume per day?

0 

1-2 

3-4 

5+ 

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

This survey was conducted by Bulletin staff using an online poll. 100 students participated.

**2/3** of students reported that they had pulled at least one all-nighter during a semester; those who did it regularly had lower GPAs.

Procrastination and all-nighters significantly correlated with lower GPAs.

College students' sleep in general is inadequate, irregular and of poor quality, and all result in worsened academic performance. Overuse of caffeinated beverages, all-night study areas on campus and poor time-management all contribute to students' sleep deprivation.

This study was conducted by Pamela Thatcher, associate professor of psychology at St. Lawrence University. She studied the sleeping patterns and transcripts of 111 students to see the correlation between sleep and their grade-point averages.

# Some Students Feel Nuisance Claims Are Unfairly Harsh

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enue for 15 years. "It has gotten really, really bad. We have never before seen this level of parties."

Mike Diederer, a resident of the Westwood subdivision, said he knew it had gone too far when his 9-year-old daughter woke up at 2 a.m. saying she couldn't sleep because people were screaming curse words in the street, and his elderly neighbor said she was afraid to leave her house because of the noise.

Diederer said that the police have been called more than half a dozen times, but that doesn't stop the students from partying again another day.

Frelick said that he talked to the students about being good neighbors and observing the noise ordinance, which requires that noise levels be kept down after 11 p.m., but the problems continued.

According to Frelick, there are at least three houses on his street causing problems, with hundreds of people coming through the neighborhood attending parties. He said that he's concerned that, as a result of the disturbances, property values will go down.

Some UMW students, however, feel that these residents are overreacting and not attempting to reach out to them.

"We're not looking for trouble," said Santiago Sueiro, a senior who lives off campus in the College Heights area. "We're here because housing is cheaper off campus. We want to work with people. We're good kids [and] we've been unfairly labeled and demonized."

Sueiro and his housemates are frustrated because they now have to go to court for two noise violations.

"It just seems like a really extreme punishment," said Sueiro. "If [the neighbors] were to come up to us saying we were being too loud, we'd be more than happy to work with them."

Meredith Beckett, a resident of Brent Street and president of the College Heights Civic Association, complained that students in her neighborhood are being inconsiderate of the community.

She said that she believes the main problem is that, in the bad economy, more people are renting out their houses or apartments and not monitoring the tenants, and suggested that more focus be put on requiring the landlords to control their tenants.

Councilwoman Beatrice Paolucci agreed that, "addressing not just the tenants, but the

landlords, is the way to go."

Councilman Frederic N. Howe III compared the students' conduct to the "Wall Street extravaganza," and suggested that the council speak with University of Mary Washington President Rick Hurley to ask for his support and guidance.

Tomzak said that the university "has appeared to be oblivious" to the issue, and expressed his concern that taxpayer money is going to educate these "students to be future leaders of America."

He suggested that the council also speak with the UMW Board of Visitors to address the issue.

Hurley said, "UMW is, by no means, oblivious to, or unconcerned about, the community issues or problems reported. In fact, the university is conscientiously taking steps to address situations with which we are familiar."

He added that students who are involved in off-campus rule breaking are subject to review by UMW's Office of Judicial Affairs and disciplinary action. He met with City Manager Beverly Cameron last week to discuss possible solutions to community concerns.

Several years ago, Hurley helped form the Town and Gown Committee, which consists of university and city officials who work together to improve communication and resolve issues between the University and the community.

Also, Doug Searcy, vice president for student affairs, sent an email to the UMW student body on Oct. 28, urging students to be considerate of the larger Fredericksburg community.

He said in the email, "In an effort to promote positive relationships and support our community, I want to encourage you to be mindful of our neighbors when you are in town. It is always helpful to make a positive contribution when passing through the local neighborhoods by minimizing noise and keeping the streets clean by recycling trash and waste."

Councilwoman Kerry Devine recognized that not all UMW students are causing problems in the community.

"This is in no way a slam on all university students that reside in the city," Devine said. "We are well aware of the contributions that students have brought to the city. Unfortunately, the conduct of some of their classmates puts them in a bad light."

# Many Students Suffer From Lack of Sleep

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"Whenever I lay down or begin to relax, I fall asleep," Mills said. "I doze off in classes and cannot focus on school work at times simply because I am too tired."

Mills stated that her lack of sleep increases as her schoolwork piles up. "I am definitely more sleep-deprived during papers because, if needed, I will stay up all night to finish a paper," she said.

Not every student on campus has problems with getting enough sleep.

Sophomore Colin McElhinny said, "While I do have class Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m., I get to sleep in the other five days of the week, so I'm really not sleep deprived."

However, people like McElhinny can be hard to come by.

Antonio Barrenechea, an associate professor of English at UMW, has noticed the effects sleep deprivation is having on students in class.

"I've noticed that students often appear tired, but I do not

know if this is due to an increase in work load, the tedium of an outside job or poor personal habits," he said. Barrenechea recalled one student three years ago who would always show up on-time to class and sit in the front row, but "without fail, she would then proceed to nap on and off throughout the class period."

These experiences are not unique to UMW.

A sophomore fashion merchandising major at Virginia Commonwealth University, Elisa Zappas said that the five hours of sleep she gets at night is all she can manage between working and attending school full-time.

"I work so much, and I have so many responsibilities with my studies that I have no time to socialize and I always just want to sleep," Zappas said. "Because I'm constantly busy, I don't put forth my best in everything I do, because I can't physically do it."

The National Sleep Foundation states that the average adult needs seven to nine hours of

sleep every night. They say that without this amount of sleep the body cannot "complete all the phases needed for muscle repair, memory consolidation and release of hormones regulating growth and appetite."

According to the NSF's recent National Online Healthcare Professional Insomnia Poll, many people who said they suffered from insomnia "engage in stimulating activities an hour before getting into bed."

These activities include housework, watching TV or surfing the Internet. The NSF states that these activities can agitate the mind and hinder sleep.

Dr. Phillip Fuller of the Sleep and Wake Disorders Center at Mary Washington Hospital said that a major cause of sleep deprivation among adolescents is Delayed Sleep Disorder. This is when a person's circadian clock shifts so they are unable to fall asleep until later at night, he said.

According to Fuller, a less-publicized but much more

prevalent cause of sleep deprivation is sleep apnea. Fuller said sleep apnea is caused by a physical block of airflow during sleep. This causes loud snoring and a pause in breathing for a few seconds, which is then interrupted by a loud grunt.

According to Fuller, this grunt wakes up the mind for a few seconds, and while the body is not fully awoken, these few seconds add to sleep debt.

Connor Borysewicz, an exercise science major and sophomore at Old Dominion University, accepts that sleep-deprivation affects his life and the lives of his friends.

"I know many of my friends struggle with sleep deprivation. It's hard not to with the workload and responsibilities being undertaken," Borysewicz said. "I think it's something people need to start speaking up about—talking to someone that can help them."

Jonathon Polson, Katie Redmiles, David Rodriguez and Amanda Scheel contributed to this report.

# School Increases Sustainability Efforts, Green Image

By **MOLLY HODGES**

Members of the University of Mary Washington are working to not just reduce the school's impact on the environment through avenues such as a school-wide sustainability cam-

paign and the creation of a sustainability council, but also to bring these efforts to the forefront of the school's image.

For example, the school recently added a sustainability tab to the university's website which leads to information about its

main environmental programs.

The President's Council on Sustainability (PCS) was created in 2009 as part of the university's Strategic Plan.

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"The PCS is charged with the creation of a five-year plan and making recommendations on sustainability issues and policy, developing strategies for implementation of sustainability initiatives, and providing a cohesive public face for UMW sustainability efforts," according to the UMW website.

While UMW wants to improve sustainability at the local level, members of the PCS and Ecology Club are also involved in several large-scale environmental projects.

For example, students have been active in the protesting the proposed Tar Sands Pipeline and voicing support for the "Keep the Ban" Campaign, seeking to continue Virginia's ban on uranium mining.

On Nov. 6, a group of 25 UMW faculty, staff, students and alumni took part in the Tar

Sands Pipeline Protest Rally in Washington, D.C. Approximately 12,000 people joined hands to protest the Keystone XL pipeline and encircled the White House nearly three or more times in places.

"We can't stop Tar Sands production in Canada, but we can stop what happens here," said junior Samantha Corron, an Ecology Club officer and a member of the PSC.

UMW Facilities Services are making sustainable choices for the management of the campus landscape and grounds.

According to Director of Landscape and Grounds and member of the PCS Joni Wilson, all new buildings on campus must qualify for at least a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver rating.

LEED certification is determined by several factors. For example, the way in which materials are recycled or reused during development or deconstruction.

As part of UMW's Nutrient Management Plan, fertilizer is used sparingly and fertilizers containing phosphorus are never used.

According to Wilson, UMW took a sustainable step when de-

signing the landscape for the new Anderson Center. All plant material is native to the area.

According to the UMW website, "starting in the 2011-2012 academic year UMW will be implementing a sustainability campaign called 'do one thing.'"

The Do One Thing campaign calls on the UMW community to pledge to make one change that will improve their personal sustainability.

There are four areas of sustainability outlined by the UMW website: cultural, social, economic and environmental.

For example, through the campaign Hurley pledged to recycle at Brompton and to use organic cleaning solution on his boat.

Szulcowski said that Hurley and Vice President for Administration and Finance "they've been very supportive and encouraging, and so I do think sustainability is going to be even more prevalent on campus and in our community."

UMW students now have the option to minor in environmental sustainability, a program that was started in 2010. According to Szulcowski, more than 25 students have declared the minor.

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# Sports

## Women's Soccer Review Rugby Ends Season 4-3-1

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The young players may have struggled at time to be consistent at the collegiate level, but Hewson added that one thing that was never a problem was the new players' ability to mesh well with the returning players. With the help of veterans like senior captain and Second Team All-CAC selection Karen Strat, the new players were able to feel right at home playing for the Eagles.

"No one plays well when they're nervous," Strat said. "My main goal was to make them feel welcome. We [the returning players] asked them how their day was, how their boyfriend was and what's going on with them."

Strat said that the camaraderie and strong relationships formed between the players was clear in the locker room, where they blared music before games to mentally prepare.

"At the beginning of the season, not everyone was dancing to the music," Strat said. "A few people didn't join in. But by the end of the season everyone was dancing and having a good time."

On top of being a young team, the Eagles were forced to battle through numerous injuries and sicknesses through the middle of the season. Strat noted that

she remembers there being only eight people who attended one practice because so many players were sidelined.

Strat, who is no stranger to battling through injury herself, stressed the importance of the team picking up its fallen players.

"It definitely helps playing for your teammates and having them pull you along," Strat said.

This past January, Strat had surgery on her ankle and went through months of rehab and

"We put a lot of responsibility for the team's success in the player's hands," Hewson said. "We wanted everyone to be exact. It takes a special type of person to buy into something as demanding as that."

Sophomore First Team All-CAC selection Tina Rader said that this type of attitude and attention to being exact was actually beneficial despite the mid and late season losses.

"That sort of pressure really brings out the athlete and competitor in us all," Rader said. "It worked well. The middle of the season is always harder with school, and the teams got harder, too."

However, Strat felt like too much attention to being exact actually inhibited the offense. She explained that scoring on offense required a certain level of creativity and impromptu. With the offense trying to stick strictly to the plays, the team missed some scoring opportunities that

could have been capitalized on if the players were given more freedom.

"This attitude worked well on defense, though," Strat added. "Defensively you have to be really structured, so being exact worked really well."

With a strong core of players returning for the 2012 season, the Eagles hope to build off the foundation that this year's team laid and continue to mature and grow as a unit.

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- Head Coach Corey Hewson

conditioning just to be able to join her fellow Eagles on the field this season. She said that she felt slower and had a hard time striking the ball with her left foot, but it was being a part of the team that let her maintain a high level of play.

This season marked the beginning of a new mental approach for Hewson's staff and players, as in practices and games they preached for exactness.

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score of the game was 57-26 in favor of the visiting Highlanders.

Mother's Rugby had been battling injuries all year long, losing key players for significant stretches of the season. In the final game in particular, the UMW squad was without their premier speedster Todd Lancaster. Lancaster had dislocated his shoulder in a previous game for the second time in his collegiate career, which made him unfit to play the rest of the season. Although not able to play, Lancaster was still present at the game, with his arm in a sling, cheering and helping coach his team.

"This game could have been a blowout by either team and it just so happen[ed] to not work out for us today," Lancaster said.

## Volleyball Season Wraps Up

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Marymount University 3-0.

The Eagles only graduate three seniors this year, and even though that includes key seniors Tola Adebajo, Leslie Truesdale, and the aforementioned Shiflett, the Eagles are still optimistic that they will continue to improve.

"We still set our hopes high," freshman Kayla Crawford said. "We want to be CAC champions, and even though we lose three key players, we know we have the tools to reach that goal. We just have to believe in one another and continue to keep practicing and working out hard

"I am still proud of how my team played and conducted themselves after the game was over. Now it is back to the drawing board and time to get better."

Michael Biller, also sidelined due to a prolonged toe injury, was also available for comment as well.

"Today was a hard loss for

Mother's Rugby," Biller said. "It would have been nice to have ended our season on a high note but it just did not play out that way. Even though we lost today, we still have a young team and have a great amount of potential to be great if everything goes according to plan. We still have our heads held high."



Courtesy of Tim Brown

The Mother's rugby team went 1-3-1 after a 3-0 start.

especially this offseason because that is really our time to get better."

Although they finished with a winning record, the Eagles were still disappointed with how the season ended. After a 12-1 start, UMW began to sputter at the end of September and went just 5-15 in their final 20 games.

"We are obviously disappointed with how the season ended," Head Coach Dee Conway said. "We did not finish the way I would have hoped, but in this offseason if we can work on our individual conditioning, become better skills players, and most importantly play more as a team and less as individuals then

we will be well off."

Crawford echoed her coach's sentiments on feeling as though the Eagles came up a little short.

"We played good [sic] this season but we really could have been great," Crawford said. "It is disappointing that we were not able to reach our full potential."

The Eagles hope that will not be the case next year and will do whatever they can to make sure that they maximize their ability to have an even stronger season.

"Both the players and the coaching staff are really going to get after it in this offseason to make sure we do not finish disappointed again," Conway said.

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# Sports

## Men's Basketball Sweeps Pair

Eagles blow past Shenandoah and NC Wesleyan in weekend set

By ASHLEY BRUCE

Despite the low number of fans in the stands at the William M. Anderson Center this past weekend with students still yet to return from Thanksgiving break, the University of Mary Washington men's basketball team pulled out two home wins against North Carolina Wesleyan College and Shenandoah University. The pair of wins improved the Eagles to 4-1 on the young season and got them votes as a top-25 DIII team in the country.

Head Coach Rod Wood attributes this strong start to hard work.

"We are working harder than we have in the past," Wood said. "Preparation and meeting opportunity equals luck."

On Saturday, the Eagles routed visiting NC Wesleyan 95-66. UMW had a strong start to the game, jumping out to a commanding 25-6 lead.

"It was our offensive production that won this game," Wood said. "We shot better than the other team and this is the best shooting we have had all year."

UMW made 54 percent of their shots for the game, attempted 22 more shots than N.C. Wesleyan, and shot a blistering 49 percent on their 3-pointers. Meanwhile, the Battling Bishops were held to just 44 percent shooting overall and connected on just two of their 14 3-point attempts. The Eagles also won the turnover battle with a plus-11 advantage, as UMW limited their giveaways to 15 while forcing 26 N.C. Wesleyan turnovers.

The top scorer for the game was senior Ryan Farrar with 16 points, while sophomore Bradley Riester added 15 points to his name and fellow sophomore E.J. Willis chipped in 13 points for the Eagles. Walt Smith controlled the pace for UMW, as



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Sophomore Matt Boward scored 12 points in Sunday's 18-point victory over Shenandoah University.

he amassed 11 assists in the victory.

After the big win on Saturday, the Eagles hosted Shenandoah on Sunday and found similar results against the Hornets. The game ended in another double-digit win for UMW, as the Eagles tallied their fourth win of the season in the 67-49 victory. Wood said that while the first game was a credit to the Eagles offense, Sunday's win was a different story.

"We didn't shoot the ball well," Wood said. "The defense is what carried us in that game."

The Eagles shot just 35 percent from the field and didn't have the same touch from long range they had in Saturday's win, as UMW hit just four of their 17 3-point attempts. But the Mary Washington defense held the Hornets to just 39 percent shooting, and did it without fouling as Shenandoah only attempted eight free throws com-

pared to the 38 attempts for UMW.

Even though the Eagles tallied a victory on Sunday, senior Ryan Henderson thought that the team could have played better and looked for ways the team could improve going forward.

"In [Sunday's] game we could've turned the ball over less because we had 17 turnovers," Henderson said. "We started off slow, but we usually look to start off strong. Offensively, we could've executed a lot better."

Shenandoah began the game by playing a matchup zone defense and when the Eagles took the lead, the Hornets switched their defensive style to man-to-man. Wood attributed Shenandoah's defensive switch to the win on Sunday.

"When we took the lead, the other team was pressed to score and sped the game up and played a type of game which was more suited for us," Wood

said.

Smith had 14 points, three assists and three steals to lead the Eagles. Henderson and sophomore Matt Boward were also among the top scorers in the game, as Boward poured in 12 points while Henderson finished the game with 12 points and six rebounds.

Wood was happy with the Eagles performance overall this weekend, especially because it was a holiday weekend.

"Shenandoah was an easy game to look over because it was hard to get motivated for it," Wood said. "It's not one of the better teams, it was at the end of Thanksgiving break, nobody was there...but it's about learning how to play to your abilities each game and not playing up or down to your opponent. I was pleased with the fact that they did that."

Henderson agreed with his coach.

"The team is very pleased with our performance," Henderson said. "With these two wins we were able to receive votes as one of the top-25 teams in the nation."

The men's basketball team was back in action last night, as they traveled to Stevenson University in Maryland to take on the Mustangs. The men were victorious, taking a 63-53 win to improve to 5-1 on the season.

The Eagles defense was the story of the game, as they held Stevenson to just 30 percent shooting from the field and forced 26 turnovers in the win.

Senior Tad Dickman recorded a double-double to lead Mary Washington, tallying 19 points and 10 rebounds. Reister chipped in with 15 points and eight rebounds, while sophomore E.J. Willis also scored in double figures with his 11-point contribution.

## Volleyball 2011 Year In Review

By STEVE SILVERTHORNE

The University of Mary Washington volleyball team saw their season come to a close back on Nov. 3 when they dropped a 3-0 decision to eventual CAC champions Salisbury University in the semifinals of the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament. The Eagles' finished the year with a record of 17-16 overall, and a 5-3 mark in conference play.

The Lady Eagles had a pair of players garnered with conference recognition following the season. The league office named Katie Shiflett and Kaitlynn Wickersham to 2011 All-CAC volleyball team. Shiflett, a senior, was placed on the first-team, while sophomore Wickersham earned second-team honors.

Shiflett, a setter, ended her career among the school leaders in career assists. This season, she had a .311 hitting percentage with 1,051 assists to along with 237 digs and 38 service aces. Wickersham had a team-high 274 kills, while also chipping in with 413 digs and 49 service

aces.

Although the Eagles did not finish the year as well as they would have hoped, there were many highlights to the season. The volleyball team played in their first season in the new Anderson Center, the sparkling new athletic facility that has given a rise in school spirit. The fans really got into the games this year, and sometimes they even got into trouble for being a little too rowdy.

"I really enjoy going to the games," freshman spectator Samuel McGovern said. "Not only to see the excellent teamwork displayed by the girls and the great leadership by both their seniors and their coach alike, but also because it is fun to get boisterous and loud for my friends with my fellow peers, and the stadium is really a site to see."

The volleyball team also got off to fast 4-0 start, with their fourth win of the season marking the first ever athletic team victory in the Anderson Center as the UMW volleyball team knocked off conference foe

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Courtesy of Clint Offen

The UMW volleyball team finished the season 17-16 overall and 5-3 in Capital Athletic Conference play.

## Women's Soccer Recap

By MICHAEL MORRIS

The University of Mary Washington women's soccer team started the 2011 season by mowing over its first four opponents while allowing only a single goal through the four-game win streak. After a 2-2 tie with Randolph-Macon College on Sep. 14, the Eagles were unable to string a series of wins together for the remainder of the season. The team finished the year with a 9-7-2 record, and a 3-4-1 mark in Capital Athletic Conference play.

According to Head Coach Corey Hewson, the game that summed up the season was a 3-2 loss against Salisbury University in the CAC tournament semifinal game. Much of the year was a see-saw-type season with a lot of back and forth.

"They played really hard," Hewson said. "It wasn't from a lack of effort. We worked hard and things often didn't go our

way."

Part of the reason for the up-and-down year was the large number of young players on the Eagles roster who played a prominent role. The UMW women's soccer team will return

nine starters for the 2012 season.

"We had to rely on our younger players later in the season and play just went up and down, which is what we expected," said Hewson.

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Courtesy of Clint Offen

The UMW women's soccer team finished their season 9-7-2 overall and 3-4-1 against CAC competition.

## Mother's Rugby Falls 57-26

Season comes to a close with the loss to Radford

By RYAN FARRAR

It was a sunny yet chilly Saturday afternoon on Nov. 19 when the University of Mary Washington's elite Mother's Rugby team took on a fierce Radford University rugby squad at the Battlefield Athletic Complex. The UMW team fell to the Highlanders 57-26 to end the Mother's Rugby season. The top Mary Washington rugby team ended their season with a 4-3-1

record.

The game was a rescheduled bout because of unplayable fields and a threat of lightning on the original date. Both teams came into the game very evenly matched, which made for a much anticipated game that many assumed would come down to the wire. In the beginning of the game, both teams battled back and forth answering each other's scores. It was a rough match that was very in-

tense to watch, as both teams doled out vicious hits and punishing tackles.

The game was even until Radford pulled away a little less than halfway through the game and never looked back. Mother's Rugby was trying desperately to counter the run Radford had put on them, but they just did not have an answer for anything Radford ran. The final

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## Smith Enters Record Book

Rare triple-double puts point guard in elite company

By MICHAEL LITTLEJOHN

On Nov. 21, University Mary Washington sophomore basketball player Walt Smith achieved a milestone when he recorded his first career triple-double. Smith, the sophomore point guard from Alexandria, Va., is a returning starter for Head Coach Rod Wood's team. The triple-double came against a tough Christopher Newport team that beat UMW in overtime by two points in the Eagles first game in the William M. Anderson Center the week before. Smith ended the game with 16 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds in Mary Washington's 86-82 victory over the Captains.

Smith said that the extra boost of motivation came from the tough loss prior to CNU and he felt as if he let his teammates and fans down in that game. Smith referenced that he plays with a chip on his shoulder, and his tenacity was evident in Smith's 10-rebound output considering he is only 5'8" and was battling against a bigger CNU backcourt.

The achievement for Smith was a lofty one, but he remains grounded and feels as though it is still about the team. Smith emphasized how important the team concept is to him and even referenced the basketball squad as "family."

"I know it's an individual accomplishment, but if it wasn't for my teammates making shots and tipping the ball out to me I never would have achieved it," Smith said. "That's why I'm



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Sophomore PG Walt Smith racked up 16 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds for the rare triple-double.

grateful."

Senior forward Henry Brisbie discussed the accomplishment of his second-year teammate.

"[It] shows he is progressing as our point guard and being a leader through his play," Brisbie said.

Smith's willing to sacrifice individual stats to notch W's in the win column, and will do whatever the team needs from him. Smith remains optimistic about this year's team.

"I'm feeling real confident," Smith said. "Most of our core is back from last year's team and we have added new pieces to the puzzle."

Smith said that the earlier loss to the Captains stuck with the UMW team. He said that the

defeat kept them hungry for more wins and be determined to not be satisfied with where they are.

"If we stick together and follow the game plans that Coach Wood has for us, and make sure we're getting better every day in practice, I believe the sky's the limit for our team," Smith said. As far as recording any more triple-doubles, Smith said that's not something he's thinking about.

"I never really was striving for a triple-double," Smith said. "I'm just trying to get better each day to do whatever it takes for my team to be successful. I was once told if you do everything in your power to get better in practice, the game will take care of itself."